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SUBJECT: LOCAL PRESS REACTION TO AMBASSADOR SHEN'S MEETING
WITH SECRETARY VANCE

1. SECRETARY VANCE'S MEETING WITH ROC AMBASSADOR SHEN CAPTURED FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE IN ALL LOCAL PAPERS SEPTEMBER 11 AND 12. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PAPERS LIMITED REPORTING TO UPI STORY, BUT CHINESE TEXTS CARRIED SPECULATIVE INTERPRETATION BY LIEN HO PAO (LHP) CORRESPONDENT SHIH K'O-MIN AND CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO (CKSP)'S FU CHIEN-CHUNG SUGGESTING THE MEETING WAS A GOOD SIGN FOR US-ROC RELATIONS.

2. REPORTER SHIH OBSERVED THAT THE FORM OF THE MEETING WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE CONTENT BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE A U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HAS MET WITH THE ROC AMBASSADOR, THE MEETING WAS OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE IN LIGHT OF MR. HOLBROOKE'S RECENT BRIEFING IN TAIPEI, AND THE MEETING WAS TIMED FOUR DAYS AFTER TENG HSIAO-PING'S REMARKS ON SECRETARY VANCE'S PEKING TRIP. SHIH'S ARTICLE SAID THE MEETING MIGHT BE SEEN AS AN EFFORT TO SOLICIT SUPPORT OF U.S. CONSERVATIVES ON UNCLASSIFIED

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THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY ISSUE, AND THAT HILE IT IS TOO EARLY TO JUDGE THE FUTURE OF US-ROC RELATIONS, THE MEETING SUGGESTED THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS MORE FLEXIBLE THAN WAS FORD'S IN SOME MEASURES PERTAINING TO U.S. CHINA POLICY.

3. CKSP CORRESPONDENT FU SAID THAT U.S. CHINA POLICY

HAS RETURNED FROM REMANTICISM TO PRAGMATISM, AND THE ILLUSION OF NORMALIZATION OT RELATIONS WITH THE PRC HAS BEEN SHATTERED. FU DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS A SIGNIFICANT TURN FOR THE BETTER IN US-ROC RELATIONS AND QUOTED A "SENIOR DIPLOMATIC OBSERVER" AS SAYING THAT THE MEETING MARKED A FAILURE FOR OKSENBERG, GLEYSTEN AND HOLBROOKE'S SUPPORT FOR NORMALIZATION AT AN EARLY DATE.

4. ALL LOCAL PAPERS ALSO SIMULTANEOUSLY CARRIED UPI OR AP STORIES ON DOD NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSALS FOR SALE OF TANKS TO THE ROC, BUT AS IN UPI ARTICLE DID NOT

POINT TO ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EVENTS.
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